

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-23 and 25 -30 remain pending in this application, Claims 1 and 2 having been amended and Claim 24 canceled by the present paper. Support for the changes to Claims 1 and 2 is found in original Claim 24, now canceled. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

In response to the election requirement dated January 4, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse Embodiment I, Claims 1-4, 9-11 and 24(now canceled), for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-4 and 9-11 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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